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SUBJECT: DAYAN VIEWS OF MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY AND SETTLEMENT  
WITH EGYPT

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1. WHEN EMBOFF REMARKED TO JERUSALEM REPORTER HARIF SEPT 19 HE HAD FOUND HIS SEPT 14 ARTICLE ON DAYAN'S IDEAS (REFTEL) INTERSING, HARIF SAID WITH SOME PRIDE SEVERAL ISRAELI MINISTERS HAD TOLD HIM THEY NEVER REALIZED BEFORE HOW FLEXIBLE DAYAN WAS ON TERMS FOR SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT. HARIF THEN LAUNCHED INTO DISCUSSION OF HIS ARTICLE.

2. HARIF ASSERTED DAYAN HAD OPENED CONVERSATION WITH HIM BY STRESSING NEED FOR ISRAEL TO BE RESPONSIVE TO US DESIRE FOR NEW ISRAELI IDEAS. US WAS CORRECT IN CALLING ON ISRAEL IN THIS WAY, IN DAYAN'S OPINION. DAYAN SAID ISRAEL COULD CERTAINLY PRODUCE NEW IDEAS ON SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT BECUASE SITUATION WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, WITH SOVIETS GONE FROM EGYPT.

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3. HARIF CONTINUEDTHAT ACCORDING TO DAYAN, ONCE ISRAEL GAVE

UP BARLEV LINE, EXACT LOCATION OF FIRST LINE TO WHICH ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW WAS NOT VERY IMPORTANT. LOCATION OF LAST LINE TO WHICH ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW IN TEN, FIFTEEN, OR TWENTY YEARS' TIME WOULD DEPEND ENTIRELY ON KIND OF PEACEFUL CONDITIONS THAT HAD EVOLVED BY THEN, WHICH NO ONE COULD FORESEE.

4. HARIF THOUGHT SIGNIFICANT NEW ELEMENT IN DAYAN THINKING WAS HIS STRESS ON NEED FOR GOI TO MAKE CLEAR THAT DURING PHASES OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE FINAL SETTLEMENT WAS CONCLUDED, ISRAEL WAS NOT CHALLENGING EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY ANYWHERE IN SINAI. AS FOR SOVEREIGNTY QUESTION IN FINAL SUTTLEMENT, DAYAN COULD NOT CONCEIVE NOW OF FINAL SETTLEMENT WHICH DID NOT LEAVE ISRAELI PRESENCE INTACT AT SHARM EL-SHEIKH, RAFAH JUNCTION, AND PROBABLY ELSEWHERE IN SINAI. BUT DAYAN FELT THESE POINTS COULD BE UNDER ISRAELI "CONTROL" RATHER THAN "SOVEREIGNTY". HARIF OPINED THAT DAYAN WOULD NOT REJECT AVERSION IF IT WERE THE KEY FOR EGYPTIAN FACE SAVING, TO IDEA WHICH HARIF SAID FORMER

SECRETARY ROGERS ONCE HAD, NAMELY FOR ISRAEL TO OBTAIN LEASE FROM EGYPT OF THOSE POINTS IN SINAI WHERE ISRAEL WANTED TO CONTINUE TO HAVE A PRESENCE.

5. COMMENT. POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT THAT HARIF VERSION OF DAYAN'S IDEAS CONTAINS CONSIDERABLE EMBELLISHMENT BY HARIF. EVEN IF THIS IS NOT CASE, WHAT DAYAN IS WILLING TO SAY CASUALLY OR SPECULATIVELY TO ISRAELI REPORTER ON SENSITIVE ISSUES OF THIS KIND MAY BE FAR MORE FLEXIBLE THAN ANY POSITION HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DEFEND IN CABINET.  
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